

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING THE CARNEGIE LIBRARY IN HOBART, INDIANA, THE HOBART HISTORICAL SOCIETY, AND THE HOBART GARDEN CLUB

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 7, 2015

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I stand before you today to recognize the centennial anniversary of the Carnegie Library in Hobart, Indiana, the 50th anniversary of the Hobart Historical Society, and the 85th anniversary of the Hobart Garden Club. In honor of these momentous occasions, the Hobart Historical Society hosted a centennial celebration on Wednesday, July 1, 2015. During the celebration, a dedication ceremony took place for the Blue Star Memorial Garden, which was planted in honor of the men and women who have served or are currently serving in our nation's armed forces.

The Carnegie Library was erected in 1915 with the aid of philanthropist and businessman Andrew Carnegie. Over the course of 46 years, Carnegie built 1,689 libraries across the United States, 164 of which were constructed in Indiana. The Hobart location remained a library until 1968, at which time it became a museum, serving as a hub for the Hobart Historical Society's preservation efforts. In 1982, the library-turned-museum was registered as a National Historic Landmark.

The Hobart Historical Society, which was originally established 50 years ago, continues to educate, promote, and preserve the past for future generations. Not only does the society preserve the Carnegie Library and educate citizens about the rich history of the area, it also assists members of the community with genealogical research and planning events. Throughout the years, the historical society has given countless tours of the museum, continually engaging all members of the community.

For 85 years, the Hobart Garden Club has actively educated and engaged Northwest Indiana residents who have an interest in gardening, landscape design, horticultural improvement, and youth education. The club is known for their efforts to protect and conserve the natural resources of Northwest Indiana. For their remarkable efforts to promote environmental responsibility and education among members of the community, young and old, the Hobart Garden Club is worthy of the highest praise.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you and my other distinguished colleagues to join me in honoring the Hobart Historical Society on its 50th anniversary and the Hobart Garden Club on its 85th anniversary, and in congratulating the members of the community on the centennial anniversary of the Carnegie Library. The pas-

sionate dedication and service of the members of these organizations is to be commended, and Northwest Indiana is both grateful and proud to have had their support for so many years.

RECOGNIZING PARTICIPANTS IN THE SUNY BUFFALO STATE CHALLENGE

HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 7, 2015

Mr. HIGGINS. Mr. Speaker, I stand before you today to recognize and acknowledge, my alma mater, SUNY Buffalo State. On June 29th, the university hosted the 5th annual Buffalo State Challenge awards luncheon, in Assembly Hall of the Campbell Student Union. The Buffalo State Challenge program serves high school students from public schools in Buffalo, throughout their four years of high school. This college prep initiative inspires success through the process of goal setting, to effect higher academic achievement and ultimately graduation from high school. This year's luncheon recognized the success of Buffalo State Challenge participants past and present.

At its height, the Buffalo State Challenge served more than 125 high school students, most of them from McKinley High School, in my hometown of Buffalo, NY. The program challenges students to graduate from high school with an 85 or higher average. Those who do so, with requisite SAT scores, are awarded a scholarship for four consecutive years of enrollment at the college. Participants from McKinley's class of 2015 represent the second consecutive graduating cohort since the program's inception in 2010. This year's awards luncheon also recognized the successes of previous participants in a feature titled "Where are they now?" This segment highlighted the successful outcomes of students who have entered college and the world of work since graduating from high school. Many parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, and siblings were in attendance to celebrate this year's honorees.

The luncheon also included the presence of special guests such as the President of SUNY Buffalo State, Dr. Katherine S. Conway-Turner and Vice President of Student Affairs, Dr. Hal D. Payne. Additionally key representatives from campus offices such as: Enrollment Management, Admissions, the Alumni Affairs Office, the Dean of Students, the Upward Bound Program, the Student Support Services Program, and Government Relations.

As the Representative of the 26th Congressional District, I am proud to recognize the ongoing contributions of SUNY Buffalo State in cultivating a brighter future for high school stu-

dents, through the continued success of the Buffalo State Challenge program. Please help me in congratulating this year's award recipients: Odalys Oritz, Ali Alshuaibi, Johnny Jackson, Destiny Simmons, Crystal Lewis McClary, Kyra King, Tionna Colbert, Tymon Turner, Kayla Cheney, Asia Lindsey, Jonathan Waller, Alaysia McKinnis, Tarlisa Bolden, Emery Campfield, Jordy Richiez, Ahmed Abdo and Carlton Bess. To all of these outstanding students: congratulations on your successful participation in the Buffalo State Challenge Program and best wishes for success as you continue to pursue your educational, professional and personal goals.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 70TH ANNIVERSARY OF BILL AND BARBARA KEITH

HON. WILLIAM R. KEATING

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 7, 2015

Mr. KEATING. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Bill and Barbara Keith, who celebrate their 70th wedding anniversary on June 29th.

When Bill and Barbara were married in 1945, Bill had just returned from World War II. Barbara describes their two year courtship as a simple one that started when Bill was on leave from the Navy in 1943. They would go bowling, go to see a movie, or go out for dinner. For two years, they continued to write to each other until Bill was discharged in March of 1945. They were married in Scituate and lived in Boston until 1952 when the couple moved to Bill's childhood home in Marshfield.

Bill and Barbara soon began to grow their family. Bill—hard-working, dedicated, and quiet—held four jobs in order to support the family. This included being head custodian for over 20 years at Martinson Elementary School as well as custodian at Ventress Library and Trinity Episcopal Church. He was also a machinist at the Hingham Naval Ammunition Depot. Barbara became known in the community as the person to call if a child needed a place to stay during a family emergency. She started Steeple Preschool at Trinity Episcopal Church in Marshfield Hills with one of her friends. Over the years, Bill and Barbara's family has grown to include six children, two foster children, twenty grandchildren, eighteen great-grandchildren and five great-great-grandchildren.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to honor Bill and Barbara Keith on this joyous occasion. I ask that my colleagues join me in wishing them and their family many more years of happiness.

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